



Santa Cruz Mission State Historic Park

Junior Ranger Program 2022

Junior Rangers is a statewide program for 7–12 yr olds
We meet on Thursdays 11–12:15

June 16

Indigenous California: Bounty of the Sea

We'll dive into the Monterey Bay as a source of food, travel, and trade for local tribes. Use a pump drill and create a model canoe!

June 23

Indigenous California: Bounty of the Land

Get to know 3 California native plants and how to use them. We'll work with soap root, tule reeds, and oak trees to make food, tools, and toys to take home!

June 30

Flags Over California: History

We'll look at the various flags that have flown over California in history, and learn the story of the pirate whose flag threatened Santa Cruz. You'll get a chance to create your own flag!

July 7

Flags Over California: Coding

What do flags and robots have in common? In this fun STEM activity, we'll examine the ways that ships have used flags for communication and coding over time. You'll be able to spell your name in flag telegraphy, decipher a secret message, and even code your own robot dance!

July 14

Mission Measures: the Long & Short of it

Become a Spanish era metrologist as you discover how the adobe was built using varas, and cheer on your team in the great fanega relay!

July 21

Building Methods: From tule to adobe

Compare tule and adobe building materials and technology. Create a tule mat and make your own adobe brick to take home.

July 28

Mission Mysteries: Close up Clues

Use your powers of observation to discover objects that tell a story of deep change. Your trusty steed will be your guide.

August 4

California: Entomology!

Learn about the biodiversity and importance of the insect world. Study bugs in the park and make a craft to take home!

